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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: N. TAKAOKA, et al

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For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Group: 2173

Examiner: K. D. Vu

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

December 14, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.